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SUBJECT: LOS: FRG INQUIRIES ON DEEP SEABED NEGOTIATIONS

1. FRG EMBASSY MINISTER HANSEN AND COUNSELOR SCHMELING
CALLED AT THEIR REQUEST ON UNDER SECRETARY MAW ON APRIL 30
TO INQUIRE ABOUT U.S. VIEWS ON DEEP SEABED NEGOTIATIONS AT
LOS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. HANSEN SAID THAT FRG DELE-
GATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN TO BONN
ABOUT U.S. ATTITUDE ON DEEP SEABED REGIME AND SPECIFICALLY
WHETHER U.S. NO LONGER SUPPORTS APPROACH CONTAINED IN
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U.S. PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN L.6 OF AUGUST 13, 1974. HANSEN

SAID FRG DELEGATION REPORTS THAT GROUP OF 77 WAS NOT ACCEPTING "PINTO PAPER" AND LDCS HAVE REJECTED ANY FORM OF MIXED SYSTEM SO THAT EXPLOITATION, IN LDC VIEW, MUST BE CARRIED OUT ONLY ON BASIS OF SERVICE CONTRACTS. HANSEN SEEMED CONCERNED THAT U.S. MIGHT NOW BE WILLING TO AGREE TO SUCH A SYSTEM. HANSEN SAID THAT THERE WAS SERIOUS CONCERN OVER LACK OF COMMUNICATION AMONG GROUP OF 5.

2. UNDER SECRETARY MAW STATED THAT HE HAD MET WITH SMALL GROUP OF LDCS WHILE IN GENEVA AND HAD DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF DEEP SEABED REGIME NEGOTIATIONS IN GENERAL, CONCEPTUAL TERMS AND THAT U.S. REPS HAVE SINCE HAD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF GROUP OF 77 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE

SOLUTIONS. MAW STATED THAT HE HAD TOLD LDC REPS THAT WE SOUGHT FAIR AND REASONABLE CONDITIONS FOR EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEABED AND THAT U.S. HAD MADE CLEAR THAT WE COULD NOT AGREE TO GIVING INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY FULL, UNLIMITED POWERS IN AREA. MAW FURTHER STATED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT U.S. DEL HAD CONSULTED WITH GROUP OF 5 ON THIS ISSUE RECENTLY.

3. COMMENTS: HANSEN SEEMED REASSURED THAT U.S. HAD NOT ABANDONED DEVELOPED COUNTRY POSITION ON DEEP SEABED.

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